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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STANDS BY ITS PREVIOUS DECISION NOT TO PROSECUTE FORMER ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSIONER JIM IRVIN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office formally announces its decision to not file federal criminal charges against former Arizona Corporation Commissioner Jim Irvin. This decision was based on a thorough review of the facts related to the aborted merger efforts of Southern Union Gas Company to acquire Southwest Gas Corporation; evidence obtained during the civil trial; evidence obtained after the civil verdict; and the House Report issued by Melvin McDonald relating to the impeachment of Jim Irvin. After a thorough review of all of the evidence mentioned above, the United States Attorney's Office earlier decision to decline prosecution remains the same.

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